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# SPECIAL LECTURE ON AZERBAIJANI HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND MUSLIM HERITAGE BY DR. RAFIG RUSTAMOV



In collaboration with the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Malaysia, Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM) and UM UNESCO Club, a special lecture entitled "Azerbaijani Historical, Cultural, and Muslim Heritage" was held on the 29th June 2022.

The program began with welcome remarks from the UMCCD Director. This was followed by a special address by the Guest of Honour, His Excellency Irfan Davudov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Malaysia. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli was the moderator. The special lecture was delivered by Dr. Rafig Rustamov, Counselor/Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Azerbaijan in Malaysia. The lecture focused on the military occupation of Azerbaijan by Armenia - its socio-economic consequences, the damages on religious-cultural monuments, and the life changes experienced by the people of Azerbaijan after the occupation. Cooperation between UNESCO and the authorities in Azerbaijan, before and after the occupation was also mentioned. The lecture highlighted the importance of dialogue among civilisations and its significance in the history of human culture and international relations. At the end of the program, Mr. Muhammad Faisal Abdul Aziz, President of ABIM, delivered the closing remarks.



| Dr. Rafig Rustamov presenting his lecture on the history, culture, and Muslim heritage of Azerbaijan



| **From left:** Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, HE Irfan Davudov, Mr. Faisal Abdul Aziz



| UMCCD Director, Dr. Rafig, and HE Irfan Davudov with UM UNESCO Club members



| Guests, organisers and all participants of the special lecture



# ICONCIDI'22 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CIVILISATIONAL DIALOGUE 2022

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CIVILISATIONAL DIALOGUE 2022 (ICONCIDI'22)**  
**THE FUTURE OF CIVILISATION: REIMAGINING SUSTAINABILITY**  
**17 & 18 AUGUST 2022**

Today we live in a world increasingly with the many located issues of unsustainability. In the physical context the epoch that we live in today has indeed been labelled as the Anthropocene, which means that humans are changing the planet in ways that are irreversible and perhaps irremediable. Today we also live in a world of increasing interdependence and fragility, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future of once holds great part and great promise. To move forward and sustain human civilisation in the future, we must recognise that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community, with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, economic justice, and a culture of peace. (Preamble of the Earth Charter).

To this end, the UMCCD is taking the initiative to hold the 3rd International Conference on Civilisational Dialogue 2022 (ICONCIDI'22) to provide a platform for the sharing of possible solutions for some issues currently besetting humankind. For your information, ICONCIDI'22 will have six sub-themes as follows:

**THEME**  
The Future of Civilisation: Reimagining Sustainability

**SUB-THEMES**

- Future of Civilisation & Dialogue of Civilisations (DoC)
- Circular Economy & Climate Justice
- Science, Religion & Worldviews
- Sustainable Development & Local Actions
- Social Justice & Widening Gaps between the Rich and Poor
- The Meaning of Being Human in the Era of AI

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**Let's Dialogue for the Future of Civilisations**

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UM Sustainability & Development Centre (UM SD-C)

The International Conference on Civilisational Dialogue 2022 (ICONCIDI '22) took place from 17 to 18 August 2022 via Zoom platform. The conference was organised around six sessions with six sub-themes over the two days. UMCCD Director welcomed delegates and introduced the conference theme "The Future of Civilisation: Reimagining Sustainability". The main objective of the two-day event was to explore issues on sub-themes which included: Future of Civilisations & Dialogue of Civilisations (DoC); Circular Economy & Climate Justice; Science, Religion & Worldviews; Sustainable Development & Local Actions; Social Justice & Widening Gaps between the Rich and Poor; and The Meaning of Being Human in the Era of AI.

She highlighted the importance of peaceful coexistence and referred to UMCCD as a centre that encourages DoC for peace. The first keynote speaker, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elisha Nasruddin, Graduate School of Business, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), presented her paper entitled "Civilisations and Dialogue of Civilisations (DoC): Anticipation and Transformative Futures". Dr. Elisha focused on the context of "Futures of Learning", with regards to civilisations and DoC. Moderated by the UMCCD Director, **Session 1** also included presentations from Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vishalache Balakrishnan and Dr. Alwani Ghazali. Dr. Vishalache shared basic concepts about authentic dialogue, its characteristics, and the attributes of educators who practice authentic dialogue. Dr. Alwani's presentation entitled "Epistemological Challenges Of Interreligious Dialogue", explained about the challenges confronted by practitioners of interreligious dialogue from both liberals and conservatives. The conference was continued with an enlightening talk by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dzuljastri Abdul Razak, Associate Professor, Kulliyyah of Economics and Management Sciences, IIUM Gombak Campus for **Session 2**. Dr. Dzuljastri shared issues related to circular economy & climate justice. Moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wendy Yee Mei Tien, the third plenary session



**Top from left:** Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wendy Yee Mei Tien; **Bottom from left:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elisha Nasruddin, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dzuljastri Abdul Razak, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed Zein



featured Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed Zein, Professor of Islamic Studies and Comparative Religion from College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), Qatar. Prof. Ibrahim's keynote was entitled "Al-Biruni & The Scientific Investigation of Calendars: Worldviews and Religions". He delved into the different types of calendars and their applications. The first presenter for **Session 3** was Mr. Mohammad Mustaqim Malek, who presented on "Ethics in Animals Experimentation: The Concept of Al-Ḍarūrah as A Complementary to the Principles of 3Rs". In a presentation entitled "Issues of Interfaith Dialogue Implementation in Malaysia", the second presenter, Mr. Ahmad Mohamad, talked about criticisms faced by interreligious dialogue and its implementation.



**Top from left:** Dr. Sharina Abdul Halim, Emeritus Prof. Dr. Osman Bakar, Prof. Dr. Anantha Duraipappah;  
**Bottom from left:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chai Lay Ching, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vishalache, Mr. Collins

Moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chai Lay Ching, the second day of the conference started with a keynote presentation by Dr. Sharina Abdul Halim, Deputy Director, Institute for Environment and Development (LESTARI), UKM, entitled "Sustainable Development & Local Actions". Dr. Sharina started her speech by referring to the book "The Rural Development Putting the Last First" as well as Kofi Annan's comment that the biggest challenge in this century is to take sustainable development into daily reality. **Session 4** also featured Ms. Farah Idayu Ruslan, Ms. Previari Umi Pramesti, Dr. Suzana Ariff Azizan and Zohaib Hassan Sain. **Session 5** keynote speaker was Prof. Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy of Science, Universiti Malaya & Al-Ghazali Chair of Epistemology and Civilizational Studies and Renewal, ISTAC-IIUM. The moderator was Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vishalache Balakrishnan. His plenary keynote address was on "Social Justice & Widening Gaps Between the Rich and Poor". Prof Osman mentioned that among the consequences of social injustice is rampant poverty and great disparity in wealth between the rich and poor. Presenters for this session were Mrs. Suhaila Mohamad and Dr. Siti Hafsyah Idris. Finally, moderated by Mr. Collins, Prof. Dr. Anantha Duraipappah, Director of the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development, was introduced in his presentation entitled "The Meaning of Being Human in the Era of AI". Anantha made pertinent observations regarding being truly humans in the AI era today. Prof. Azizan Baharuddin closed the conference by thanking the delegates and presenters for their participation. The excellent teamwork of UMCCD members and organising committee was also acknowledged.



## UM RESEARCH GALLERY (UMRG)

In conjunction with the **UM Research Gallery** event (7 September to 7 October 2022) held at the Exhibition Hall, Research Management and Innovation Complex (KPPI), UM Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) opened a booth to display and showcase its activities, achievements, research projects and collaborations.

The opening ceremony of the UM Research Gallery was held on the 14th September 2022. The ceremony started with welcoming remarks from Prof. IR Dr. Shaliza Ibrahim, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Universiti Malaya.

The objectives of the exhibition were: (1) to exhibit the initiatives and products of UM's research & innovation, (2) to share and convey the research outcomes from all disciplines and communities including researchers, industries, media and public, (3) to serve as a platform for researchers to build networking with the industries, communities, government entities, and policy makers, (4) to promote research & innovation, and (5) to encourage research that impacts the society.

The ceremony was followed by an officiating speech by the Chairman, Board



| **From left:** Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar (UM Board Chairman), Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin (UMCCD Director), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli (UMCCD Research fellow)

of Directors of Universiti Malaya, Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar, who congratulated the organisers and all participants for a very impressive exhibition. After the opening ceremony, she visited the booths and exchanged ideas with the researchers.

On the 5th October, the UMRG received a visit from the Community Representative, Board of Directors of Universiti Malaya, Dato Ami Moris. The UMCCD Director had the opportunity to explain and brief her about UMCCD's functions, past and current accomplishments, and also programs and targets for the future.



| **From left:** Dato' Dr. Johan Shamsuddin Sabaruddin (Former Dean, Faculty Law UM), Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin & Dr. Durriyyah



| **From left:** Prof. IR Dr. Shaliza Ibrahim (Deputy VC (R&I)), Dato Ami Moris (UM Board Member), Dr. Durriyyah (UMCCD Research fellow), Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin (UMCCD Director).



# SPECIAL VISIT AND LECTURE BY HER EXCELLENCY YURIKO KOIKE, GOVERNOR OF TOKYO



On the 2nd September 2022, UMCCD together with the International Relations Office (IRO) Universiti Malaya, welcomed the visit from Her Excellency Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo. A special lecture entitled "City Diplomacy: Resilience and Technology", was delivered by HE Ms. Yuriko Koike to an audience which included students from the Special Preparatory Programme to Japan (RPKJ), Centre for Foundation Studies in Science, Universiti Malaya. The objectives of the lecture were to foster integration and to provide a platform for a discourse on a topic that informs the relationship between all countries around the world, especially between Tokyo and Malaysia. UMCCD Director moderated the lecture session. The lecture ended with a fruitful Q & A session, followed by a photography session.

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN IKIM & UM



**| Front row from left:** Prof. Dr. Mohd Fauzi, Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan, Prof. IR. Dr. Shaliza, AP. Dr. Mohamed Azam, Dr. Mohd Farid, Dr. Shaikh Mohd Saifuddeen; **Back row:** UMCCD, IKIM & IRO staffs

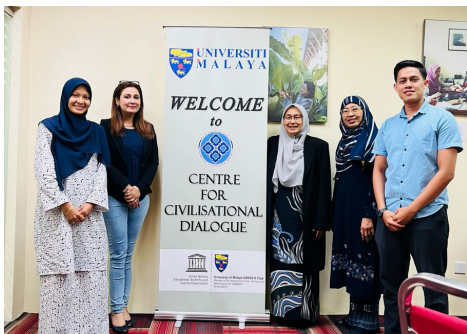


**| Photo taken after the MoU Signing ceremony**

Universiti Malaya signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) on the 14th September 2022. The memorandum was signed by Prof. IR. Dr. Shaliza Ibrahim, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) UM and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Azam bin Mohamed Adil, Director-General IKIM. The signing was witnessed by Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin (UMCCD Director), Prof. Dr. Mohd Fauzi bin Hamat (Academy of Islamic Studies Universiti Malaya (APIUM) Director), Dr. Mohd Farid bin Mohd Shahrar (Director, Centre for the Study of Shari'ah, Law & Politics IKIM) and Dr. Shaikh Mohd Saifuddeen bin Shaikh Mohd Salleh (Director, Centre for Science and Environment Studies IKIM). The agreement is a comprehensive mechanism to endorse collaborative partnership based on research, resources and other capacities of UM and IKIM, for the enhancement of both UM's and IKIM's contributions to the nation.



# VISIT FROM THE ISLAMIC WORLD EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANISATION (ICESCO)



| **From left:** Mrs. Lisa, Dr. Sidra, Prof. Azizan, Dr. Durriyyah, Mr. Ahmad

On the 15th September 2022, UMCCD received a visit by Dr. Sidra Tariq Jamil, Communications Expert at the Center for Civilizational

Dialogue, Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO). UMCCD Director started the meeting with welcoming remarks and appreciation to Dr. Sidra for her visit to UMCCD. The meeting was also attended by UMCCD research fellow, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli and UMCCD research officers, Mrs. Nur Lisa and Mr. Ahmad. Possibilities of future partnership in research and intercivilisational dialogue were discussed.

## WEBINAR "PREPARING POLICY BRIEF: COMMUNICATING RESEARCH EVIDENCE TO INFLUENCE POLICY"

On 5th October 2022, **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ng Boon Kwee, Head of Department, Department of Science & Technology Studies**, Faculty of Science UM, delivered a talk on "Preparing A Policy Brief". Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah was the moderator. Policy brief is a concise report produced based on the use of research evidence to facilitate and inform public policy making processes. It summarizes the core problem of the research conducted by researchers and extends evidence-based solutions to policy makers. The webinar served as a fundamental platform in introducing the concept of policy brief. The webinar received positive feedback from participants and a follow-up workshop on policy brief writing was suggested.



Director of UMCCD was appointed as Honorary Fellow of Institut Masa Depan Malaysia (MASA) on 1 August 2022.

Director of UMCCD was a speaker in Segmen Melestarikan Alam at Radio IKIM on 2nd August 2022. The talk was entitled "*Kerentahan Komuniti terhadap Perubahan Garis Pantai (Hakisan dan Pemandapan)*".

Director of UMCCD was interviewed on values and development by Wan Norhaniza Wan Hasan from Centre for Islamic Development Management Studies (ISDEV), Universiti Sains Malaysia at Universiti Malaya on 3 August 2022.

Director of UMCCD was a speaker in Segmen Melestarikan Alam at Radio IKIM on 16th August 2022. The talk was entitled "*Teknologi Penderia bagi Kelestarian Produktiviti Industri Sawit di Malaysia*".

Director of UMCCD was a speaker for Ceramah Khas Kemerdekaan entitled "*Mendalami Erti Kemerdekaan*" at Masjid Mahmoodiah Presint 18, organised by JAWI Putrajaya and Masjid Mahmoodiah Putrajaya on 26th August 2022.

Director of UMCCD was a panelist at the Special Forum on "Planetary Health Education Agenda: Healthier Planet for All" on 30th August 2022, at the Auditorium, Institute of Advanced Studies UM

Director of UMCCD was invited to talk in Slot Topik Pagi at IKIM radio on "*Malapetaka Iklim*" on 14 November 2022.

# FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION ON "PERANAN SISTEM PENDIDIKAN DALAM MEMUPUK PERPADUAN" (THE ROLE OF EDUCATION SYSTEM IN NURTURING UNITY)



**Front row (From left):** Prof. Azizan, Emeritus Prof. Teo, Mr. Azril, Prof. Zulkifli, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zawawi, Mr. Mazli. **Back row (From left):** Mrs. Lisa, Mrs. Aqilah, Ms. Zalikhaa, Ms. Hazirah, Prof. Zaid, Mr. Chang, Mrs. Enizahura, Mr. Sadiq, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah, Mrs. Marlina, Mrs. Nurul Akmalina, Mrs. Gowri, Mr. Mohd Noor, Mr. Sim, Mr. Amir Izzwan, Mr. Abdul Mannan, Mr. Zulhafiy, Ms. Durrah, Mr. Ahmad, Mr. Faisal

Director of UMCCD was invited to the International Conference on Cohesive Societies (ICCS), organised by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore at Raffles City Convention Centre on 6-8 September 2022.

Director of UMCCD was a speaker at the Symposium 1, 5th USIM International Health Conference (IHeC) on "Climate Change in a Post-pandemic World" on 13th September 2022.

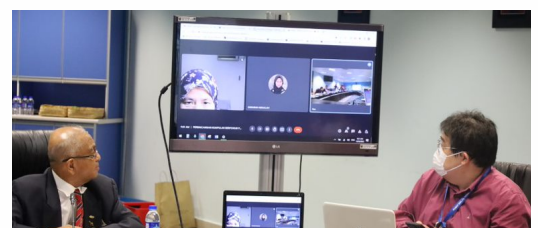
Research fellow of UMCCD, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli, delivered a talk on furthering studies and career in STEM at the Sri Aman Highschool on 15th September 2022.

Director of UMCCD was interviewed by Bernama TV on "Democracy in Malaysia" on 21st September 2022.

As stated in the National Unity Policy, under the concept of unity, "social cohesion" is a concept that describes the experience of our multi-racial and multi-ethnic Malaysians, living in peace, stability and harmony. However, challenges in achieving unity known as social deficits have been raised by Malaysians. On 26th October 2022, a focus group discussion (FGD) involving 15 experts from the education, government, and non-government sectors was held. The title of the FGD was "*Peranan sistem pendidikan dalam memupuk perpaduan*", focusing on the social deficit of education. The FGD was moderated by Prof. Zulkifli A. Manaf, former professor in Education at UM and UniSZA. The participants were enthusiastic in discussing the role of education towards unity. Some participants claimed that instead of acting as a unifying factor, our education system may have failed to unite us. Some participants highlighted the efforts done by the government in nurturing social unity among the people, but admit that improvements still need to be done in terms of the monitoring and implementation of the current strategies. Based on the facts and findings presented during the FGD, a policy brief was written.



| Experts giving opinions and views on the topic of discussion



| The FGD involved experts that participated via online platform



# FORUM "MENCAKNA JIWA GENERASI MUDA DENGAN NILAI PERPADUAN MALAYSIA"

## (SENSITISING THE YOUNGER GENERATION WITH THE VALUES OF UNITY)



| From left: Panelists of the forum - Mr. Azril, Mr. Faisal, Mr. Ravichandran



| From left: Prof. Dr. Noorsaadah (Honorary Proessor, IAS UM), Prof. Azizan, Dato' Dr. Merican Mahmood & Datin Ragayah Eusoff

On the 29th November 2022, UMCCD together with Institut Masa Depan Malaysia (MASA) held a forum entitled "*Mencakna Jiwa Generasi Muda dengan Nilai Perpaduan Malaysia*". The forum began with welcoming remarks by the UMCCD Director. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah, UMCCD research fellow, was the moderator. The panelists were: 1) Mr. Azril Mohd Amin, Chief Executive Officer of MASA, 2) Mr. Faisal Abdul Aziz, President *Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia*, and 3) Mr. Ravichandran A/L Balasubramaniam, Chairman of Teluk Kemang Hindu Youth Organization. In the first round, the panelists shared their experiences on the importance of values in the formation of national identity while in the second round, the role of dialogue in building unity and mutual respect were discussed. Finally, the panelists stressed on the fact that Malaysia is a democratic country that can be a role model to other countries, and that despite the fact that there are today, many challenges (related to politics, social media, etc.) that we are facing in the country, our efforts in achieving our aim towards building a harmonious and united nation must continue.



| Our specially invited guests Dato' Dr. Merican Mahmood, Datin Ragayah Yusuf, and Dr. Rajmah with the panelists, organisers from UMCCD and MASA, and participants

Director of UMCCD was a moderator for parallel session 1: *Kemiskinan dan Pembangunan B40* at the National Seminar "*Pemulihan Negara dan Keterangkuman Sosial*" on 13 October 2022, organised by Institut Masa Depan Malaysia (MASA).

Director of UMCCD presented a paper entitled "*Wanita dalam Pembangunan Negara*" at the Yayasan Tunku Fauziah seminar, organised by Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) and Yayasan Tunku Fauziah on 20 October 2022.

Director of UMCCD was a panelist in the *Forum Canai Bahasa dan Sastera Bil. 11/2022: Memperkaya Khazanah Ilmu Sains Berbahasa Melayu* on 25 November 2022, organised by Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) and Gabungan Persatuan Penulis Nasional (GAPENA).

Director of UMCCD was a panelist at the Maybank Islamic book review program: Conservation of the Environment in Islamic law by Dr. Yusuf Al-Qaradhawi on 5 December 2022.

Director of UMCCD presented a paper at the *Simposium Al-Quran peringkat Nasional 2022* organised by the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), entitled "*Al-Quran & Kelestarian Peradaban*" on 20th September 2022.

Director of UMCCD was awarded the Maulidur Rasul Award as the Science and Civilisation icon by DYMM Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, on 9 October 2022.

Director of UMCCD was interviewed by TV 1 in "Selamat Pagi Malaysia" show "Recipients of the Maulidur Rasul Award" in conjunction with the National Maulidur Rasul Celebration on 10 October 2022.

As Holder of the UKM-YSD Chair for Sustainability, the Director of UMCCD attended Program Denai Alam with the theme "Melestarikan Alam", organised by UKM, ANGKASA with cooperation of UKM-YSD Sustainability Chair, cooperative UNIKEB Berhad, and Sahabat Sungai Malaysia (FoRM) on 17 December 2022.

Director of UMCCD was a moderator for the IKIM International Forum Royal Professor Ungku Aziz: Expanding the Frontiers of Development on 15 December 2022.

Director of UMCCD was invited to record a podcast session about Islam, Nature and Sustainability with Brother Hamzah Iqbal, on 11 November 2022.

## FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION ON "PENASIONALISASIAN DIALOG KEARAH PERPADUAN DALAM KONTEKS KEPELBAGAIAN ETNIK" (NATIONALISATION OF DIALOGUE TOWARDS UNITY IN THE CONTEXT OF ETHNIC DIVERSITY)



|Participation through online platform by experts from UNIMAS and UMS



|Prof. Dr. Mansoor from Institute of Ethnic Studies, UKM & Director of UMCCD

On the 22nd November 2022, together with the Institut Masa Depan Malaysia (MASA), another focus group discussion (FGD) involving 15 experts from the education, government, and non-government sectors was held. This FGD focused on the social deficit of "ethnicity". The title of the FGD was "*Penasionalisasian dialog kearah perpaduan dalm konteks kepelbagaian etnik*". The FGD started with a discussion on the factors that might be the root causes of the social deficit based on ethnicity. One of the participants stated that the lack of understanding between different ethnic groups and also the lack of willingness in our people to learn about the culture of other ethnic groups are some of the reasons for this situation. Besides that, the geographical and economical distribution of Malaysians also contribute to this issue. The role of dialogue in nurturing social unity among Malaysians and other strategies that seem possible in encouraging interactions between different ethnic groups were also discussed. A policy brief was also written based on the inputs gathered.



| **Front row (From left):** Prof. Zaid, Prof. Azizan, Prof Zulkifli, Prof. Mansoor, Mr. Vijaya Segaran. **Back row (From left):** Mrs. Lisa, Dr. Asmawati, Mr. Ravi, Mr. Collin, Mr. Izzat, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah, Prof. Danny Wong, Mrs. Nurul Akmalina, Mr. Mohd Noor, Mr. Zulhafiy, Mr. Abdul Mannan, Ms. Durrah, Mr. Fadzil, Ms. Hazirah, Ms. Liwani, Mr. Chang, Mr. Ahmad



# DIALOG KELESTARIAN ALAM SEKITAR "PERANAN WANITA DALAM AMALAN KITAR SEMULA" (THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN RECYCLING)



| From left: Dr. Asmawati (moderator), Mrs. Umami Kalthum Shuib, Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Yakub @ Zulkifli Bin Haji Mohd Yusoff, and Prof. Dr. Sumiani Yusoff

On the 14th December 2022, UMCCD collaborated with Universiti Malaya Community Engagement Center (UMCares), Universiti Malaya Sustainability Development Center (UMSDC), Ijarah Eco-Friends Club (IEF), Academy of Islamic Studies, Committee members of **Masjid Al-Ikhlasiah**, and the Department of Islamic Affairs Federal Territory (JAWI) to organise a public dialogue on environmental sustainability entitled "*Peranan Wanita dalam Amalan Kitar Semula*". Dr. Asmawati, the Chief Researcher of the Green Mosque Program and also the Deputy Director of UMCCD, was the moderator of the forum, which was held at Masjid Al-Ikhlasiah Bukit Kerinchi.



| Group activity: Practicing proper waste segregation



| Moderator, panelists, and representatives of the organisers

The panelists were Mrs. Umami Kalthum Shuib, Director of SWCorp Malaysia (Federal Territories); Prof. Dr. Sumiani Yusoff, Honorary Professor of Universiti Malaya, and Professor Dato' Dr. Mohd Yakub @ Zulkifli Bin Haji Mohd Yusoff, Professor, Department of al-Quran and al-Hadith, Academy of Islamic Studies, Universiti Malaya. The dialogue session ended with a Q & A session and concluding remarks from each panelist. After the dialogue session, a practical group activity on proper waste segregation was conducted. Judging from the response from the local community, the dialogue was a huge success.

# SELANGOR INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE CONVENTION 2022

UMCCD was invited as one of the co-organisers of the Selangor Inter-Religious Dialogue Convention 2022, along with the **Selangor State Unity & Integration Council (MPIS)**, Selangor State Government Unity Exco Office, Selangor Islamic Religious Affairs Exco Office, International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies Malaysia (IAIS Malaysia) and Institute of Research and Development (IRDP). The convention was held on the 29th November



2022. "Good Governance as the Core of Multi-Religious Community Unity" was the theme of convention. Among the aims of the convention was: To serve as a platform between various religious leaders in Selangor to interact and share ideas on how to build mutual understanding, to discuss the basic principles in various religions that can trigger stronger racial unity in the state of Selangor, to gain enlightenment on sensitive issues that touch on racial and religious diversity, to find points of agreement between leaders of various religions in dealing with social issues in Selangor, to propose practical policies and to promote Selangor as a state that is committed to the inter-religious unity agenda at the international level. The UMCCD Director presented to the MPIS the resolution of the convention for further action.

## REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN CHARITY DINNER



| H.E. Irfan Davudov, Dr. Rafiq Rustamov, Prof. Dr. Sabri Musa, Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan, Dr. Rajmah, Dr. Asmawati, and Mrs. Aliaa with fellow students of 3rd, 4th, and 7th residential college



| From left: H.E. Irfan Davudov, Prof. Dr. Sabri Musa, and Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan

At the invitation of the **Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Malaysia**, the UMCCD organised a Charity Dinner event which was accompanied by prayers to commemorate the demise of Azerbaijan's 9th national figure, Heydar Aliyev. The dinner which was held at the 4th Residential College, started with a welcoming speech by the Universiti Malaya Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs), **Prof. Dr. Sabri Musa** followed by the officiating speech by the Ambassador of Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Irfan Davudov. Instrumental songs by the famous singer from Azerbaijan, Sami Yusuf, and popular local tunes were played throughout the dinner event. The dinner ended with a photography session. The UMCCD would like to record its deep appreciation to **Mrs. Aliyaa Diyana Azizuddin** (Manager of 4th Residential College) and all **students of the 3rd, 3th and 7th residential colleges** who made the event a huge success.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OF MASJID DARUL QURAN IN KUALA KUBU BHARU

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On the 11th November 2022, Dr. Asmawati (Deputy Director of UMCCD), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah (Senior Research fellow of UMCCD), and Prof. Dr. Rosli Ramli (Professor from Institute of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science UM) were invited by Darul Quran to visit the Masjid Darul Quran under the management of the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM)



| From left: Dr. Durriyyah, Dr. Asmawati, Dr. Muhammad Zakuwa, Prof. Dr. Rosli, Mr. Ilham Che Daud, and Mr. Mohd Mahyiddin

in Kuala Kubu Bharu, Selangor to assist with the pollution issues at their mosque area. UMCCD members and Prof. Rosli surveyed the area and met with the Darul Quran team to discuss about the possibility of research intervention with regards to providing solutions on addressing this problem.

In line with UMCCD's focus on sustainability issues, a short term research project is to be carried out between UMCCD and the Masjid Darul Quran. Through the research both parties hope to instill awareness on the importance of sustainability and biodiversity in every aspect of life, including architectural structures of religious buildings.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

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### RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT FOR LIBRARIANS



| Mr. Chang Lee Wei (third from left) with participants of the workshop.

On the 15th November 2022, Mr. Chang Lee Wei, who holds the position of UMCCD Senior Research Officer, assumed the role of trainer in a workshop on

Research Data Management for Librarians. The focus of the workshop was Data Stewardship for Open Science, an important area of study for librarians and other professionals involved in research data management. Data stewardship for open science is a critical component of the research process, as it involves ensuring that research data is well-managed, preserved, and shared in ways that enable other researchers to access and build upon it.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### DINNER RECEPTION: ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



**| From left:** Prof. Roy Anthony Rogers, Dr. Asmawati, H.E. Irfan Davudov, Mr. Ahmad, Dr. Durriyyah and Prof. Azizan

On the 8th November 2022, Prof. Azizan, Dr. Asmawati, Dr. Durriyyah and Mr. Ahmad (Research officer) represented UMCCD to attend the occasion of the Anniversary of the Victory Day of the Republic of Azerbaijan at JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur. The occasion commemorates the triumph and liberation of the occupied territories of Azerbaijan in the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh war.

### NATIONAL AWARD AND APPOINTMENT OF THE UMCCD DIRECTOR



On the 9th October 2022, UMCCD Director was awarded the Maulidur Rasul Award (JAKIM) by DYMM Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah.



On the 22nd September 2022, UMCCD Director was appointed by the Prime Minister as a member of the Consultation and Prevention of Corruption Panel (PPPR) under Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC/SPRM).



## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### SUSTAINABILITY @ MIB TALK SERIES

On the 5th December 2022, UMCCD Director was invited as a panelist in the Sustainability @ MIB Talk Series to review the book "Conservation of the Environment in Islamic Law" by Dr. Yusuf al-Qaradawi, published in 2001.

| **From left:** Mr. Idham Sabki Baharum (moderator), Dr. Marjan Muhammad, and Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin



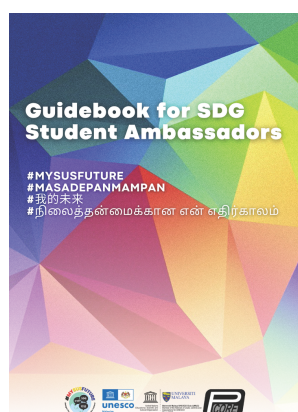
### LAUNCHING OF HARI DENAI ALAM: PENGHIJAUAN MALAYSIA KOPERASI PRIHATIN SEJUTA POKOK

On the 17th December 2022, UMCCD Director, also the UKM-YSD Chair for Sustainability Chairholder, attended the launching of *Hari Denai Alam: Penghijauan Malaysia Koperasi Prihatin Sejuta Pokok* at Denai Alur Ilmu, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. The event was officiated by Tuan Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change.



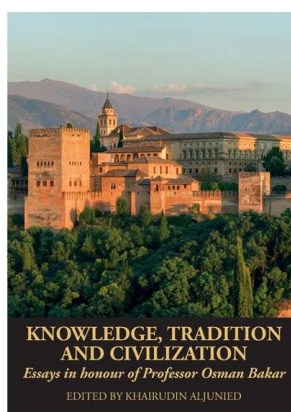
| **From left:** Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin & Tuan Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad (Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change)

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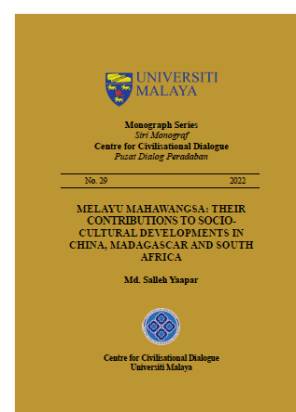
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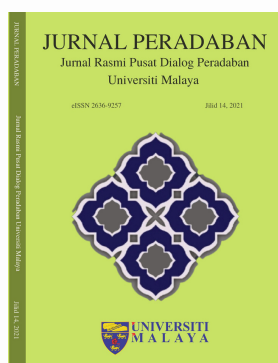


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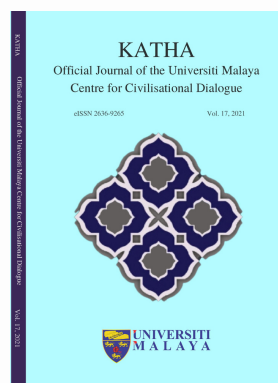
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